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May 10, 2003

Hon. Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
FAX 202-418-0188

Dear sir,

I am writing to you as a private citizen in opposition to the relaxation of the broadcast ownership rules.

We have here in the Chicago area a good example of what this would mean: The Tribune Company, which owns the largest newspaper in the area, also owns the largest independent television station (actually a network in itself), and the largest independent radio station, to say nothing of the major league baseball team, the Chicago Cubs, which carries the TV station's messages to still other outlets. (This arrangement is legalized only by the so-called "grandfather clause", which should be repealed, but which will never happen because of the power of the owner. *What politician wants to be opposed by all that media power?*)

There will be absolutely no benefit to the public from the this relaxation; and it would concentrate control of news and information in the hands of a very few men, who could prevent open political discussion, and the expression of views with which the ownership disagreed.

There is a continuing pressure in this country toward mergers and monopoly; and, without governmental restraint, I can visualize a situation where news and information is controlled just as surely as it was under Saddam and Hitler, the only difference being a handful of powerful individuals (maybe no more than five or six), instead of a military dictator.

I don't want these business pirates curtailing my freedom any more than I want a dictator doing it! Your commission is supposed to protect the interest of the public, not the welfare of a few large corporations.

I again urge you to reject any relaxation in the ownership rules; and I urge you to begin the repeal process of the infamous "grandfather clause".

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. J. Lane, Jr.

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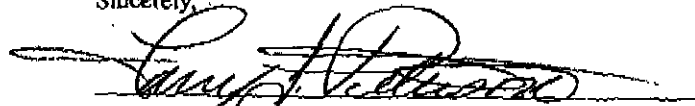
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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,



Mr. Larry J. Peterson
Park Falls, Wisconsin 54552-7438

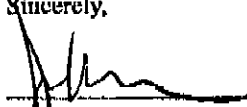
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Mr. Jeffrey Keegan
Yonkers, New York 10705-4622

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Mr. Gene Allen

Grizzly Bear, California, 95926-7242

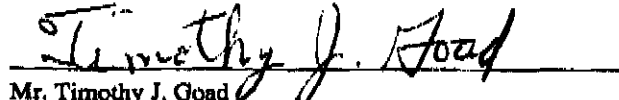
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Timothy J. Goad", is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Timothy J. Goad
Princeton, Indiana 47670-9631

From: P Lentz
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 6:26 PM
Subject: Broadcast change

Dear Sir,
Please do not allow the giant media to combine powers to become "A Wal-Mart Of The Media" Diversity is what keeps this country honest and free. Power corrupts and we the people want the honest news not the power news.

Thank you for your time,
Paul Lentz
Registered voter, Arkansas

From: Lagnese, Tony
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 6:44 PM
Subject: Vote No On June 2nd

Dear Comissioner Copps,

I'm emailing to urge you to reject the "broadcast ownership rules" you will be voting on June 2nd.

I firmly believe if these are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor.

This is not a reflection of our freedom of speech rights that are a foundation for our free society.

Again, I urge you to consider this when you come to vote on June 2nd.

Tony Lagnese
1921 Jefferson St #201
San Francisco CA 94123
(415)922-9514

From: Kenneth J. Falls
To: Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 6:49 PM
Subject: Proposed vote

Dear Commissioners,

If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. The media moguls will in effect rule the land through the various avenues available Television, Newspapers, or even Internet. The American way we live in would be jeopardized if these large corporations are allowed to form peoples minds in the way they feel. This vote is a historic one and I hope and pray that you will not adopt the changes proposed. Thank you for allowing me the time to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,
Kenneth J. Falls
346 Campbell Ave.
Belford, NJ 07718
(732) 495-5126

From: tom felt
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 6:57 PM
Subject: ruling

From the news I can tell this is a waste of time. It is already a foregone conclusion as to how the FCC is going to vote on the rules regarding media ownership in this country. As usual partisan special interests will trump Democracy and the public interest. Just the same, I want to put it on record that the news media in the United States is just a propaganda machine for corporate America and the Bush regime.

That's the real reason for the rule changes at the FCC. Its so corporate America and the Bush machine can strengthen their hand over the media and better control censorship in this country. Politics will rule as usual and to hell with democracy. This will allow the owners of corporate America to manipulate public opinion to an even greater degree than they presently do.
You people should be ashamed.

From: Chuck Jackson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 7:21 PM
Subject: No!

PLEASE -- help us try to stop the FCC from making these dangerous changes in Broadcast Ownership Rules. Contact the *individual FCC commissioners* today by e-mail using the addresses listed below, and include these talking points in your messages:

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Charles L. Jackson, LTC, USA (Ret)

From: Ken Grice
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 7:22 PM
Subject: Constitutional Flaw

The founding fathers never dreamed of a day when a handful of men, some of whom not even citizens, might control the news and opinions of our nation. The idea was that, thru the medium of a free press, there would always be a voice, somewhere, to raise the hue and cry against those who would subdue, throttle, even silence the voice of Liberty.

Please help preserve our precious Liberty, which has no chance, without a multitude of voices being heard.

From: Eal Jewell
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 7:32 PM
Subject: No Changes

On June 2nd, the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

Please do not make these changes.

Thanks Earl Jewell

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From: John Tritle
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 7:36 PM
Subject: june 2nd vote

When you vote on June 2nd please vote against changing the ownership broadcast rules. Thank You.
This is from NRA member John S. Tritle 111, Baxter Co. Arkansas.

From: James Weyand
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 7:55 PM
Subject: Vote NO

Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to "let fall by the wayside".

Be responsible,
James Weyand

From: barron.barron@verizon.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:05 PM
Subject: Freedom of Speech

Please don't allow a few to strap our Freedom of speech in the media.

From: David Ball
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:10 PM
Subject: June 2nd

On June 2nd, the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

I want to let you know that I oppose these Changes as do many of my friends. Please do not allow changes to the current Broadcast Ownership Rules that could give lobbying and moral issue leveraging power to any one or a small number of media broadcast owners keep the media diverse by keeping the ownership diverse. America is a very diverse country with many different viewpoints and as such media should be a very diverse and widely held Medium of many diversities not one influenced by a small group of Minds with an agenda.

Thanks

Dave Ball

From: Jim Burgess
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:15 PM
Subject: fcc changes

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Mr. Martin

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I sincerely hope that these proposed changes are voted down.

Thank You

Jim Burgess

jim@jbs84.com

From: themarshman
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:19 PM
Subject: Ruling

Michael, Kathleen, Michael J. Copps, Kevin and Jonathan,

Please vote against the changes in the FCC ruling. I believe it infringes on all individual's rights to free press and our country is built on individuals rights as each of you and all of us have and should keep.

Sincerely

Dale E Hodgson
606 N Finch ST
Horicon WI, 53032

From: Christie Slang
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:31 PM
Subject: Our right to information that is unbiased

Christie Slang
2709 Malcore Dr.
Green Bay, WI 54302

May 16, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps
445 12th Street SW
Washington, 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Christie Slang

From: Ivar Archer Zemmels
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:32 PM
Subject: Stop the travesty!

Mr. Copps,

Please use your influence to stop BIG MONEY interests from taking over the American airwaves. I do not want to see the VOICE OF THE PEOPLE die on your watch. Let us have unfettered hearings before the FCC vote on June 2.

Ivar Archer Zemmels
Tel: 651-776-3618
Eml: archer.z@siempremail.com

From: Michael Sand
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:32 PM
Subject: Please excuse my error in my previous email.

Excuse me Mr. Copps, I sent you an email addressed for Mr. Martin, but the message is the same! My apologies.

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Sand
To: mcopps@fcc.gov
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2003 8:31 PM
Subject: I oppose the proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules

Greetings Mr. Martin,

I believe that the proposed changes to the ownership rules are not a good thing for America. The large media conglomerates already demonstrate that they have the power to ensure that viewpoints not in line with their own are effectively censored through lack of coverage. If the proposed rule changes take place they will only serve to stifle the true spirit of open debate on important issues and views. A Free and Independent media is critical to the continuation of our Republic. If the mainstream media is controlled by a small number of mega-executives, there will be little outlet for widely misrepresented groups (misrepresented by these same large media conglomerates) like the NRA to get their message out to the public.

How free a media do we have when an organization like the NRA can't even BUY time on the TV or radio to inform the people or it's message? This is already happening now!

Sincerely,

Michael Sand
Matthews, NC

From: James Jenkins
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:33 PM
Subject: DON'T SILENCE THE NRA BY CHANGING THE REGULATIONS.

THERE IS ENOUGH BIAS REPORTING AS IT IS LEAVE THE REGULATIONS ALONE!

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN VOICE,

JAMES E. JENKINS, JR..

From: Peter Borghese
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:40 PM
Subject: NO FCC CHANGES

I want no rule changes without extensive, open hearings with public input. This has not happened yet. My representatives in congress will also be warned that the American public values a free and diverse media and will not stand for further concentration this valuable asset into the hands of a greedy few.

From: Daniel Nye
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:00 PM
Subject: The Honorable Michael J. Copps

Dear Sir,

Please help keep America the "land of opportunity". Allowing the consumption of our limited airways to large media giants essentially will cause further erosion of the voice of the small people.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Daniel Nye

5928 Saddle Creek Trail

Parker, CO 80134

w0nye (amateur radio license)

AFTSHE (MARS)

WPX604 (GRMS)

From: ROLUMO@webtv.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:01 PM
Subject: Help!

Please do NOT change the Broadcast Ownership Rules!

From: OTIS SCOGIN
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:21 PM
Subject: TV

MR. COPPS, I DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE NOT TO ALLOW MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP OF TV STATIONS IN A LOCAL MARKET, THANKS , OTIS SCOGIN

From: jcbuck
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:22 PM
Subject: Consideration of Proposed Ruling

The Honorable Messers & Mdm Chairs:

Your upcoming ruling regarding the scope of influence to be afforded those controlling the broadcast media will have a huge impact on the ability of citizens and their political action committees to make their views known to government. Government must not stack the deck in favor or against the individual citizens relating to ANY matters, much less those dealing with the First Amendment. Therefore, as a retired Army Officer dedicated to the Consitution, I implore you to rule in favor of open and unstiffled access to the broadcast media.

Should you fail to limit the authority of various media to control local, regional, and national markets you will in fact be delivering the formation of public opinion to the few who own the inclination and power to form image and policy to their own political visions. Please recognize that freedom of the press is only possible if the press is not owned by partisian elements! Deliver us from evil!

Thank you, Joseph C Buckman, LTC, USA, (Retired)

From: Becky Krebs
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:37 PM
Subject: No Changes

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Think People

From: Brian
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC FCCINFO, john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, jerrold.nadler@mail.house.gov, senator@clinton.senate.gov, senator_clinton@clinton.senate.gov, hillary_clinton@clinton.senate.gov, senator@schumer.senate.gov, senator_schumer@schumer.senate.gov, charles_schumer@schumer.senate.gov
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:38 PM
Subject: Please do not deprive us (U.S. Citizens) of our constitutional right to a free press

May 16, 2003

Chairman Powell and Honorable Senator McCain,

As an American, a veteran, an employee in the telecommunications sector, and as a citizen who believes in the principles upon which this great nation of ours was founded, I implore you to reconsider and to duly weigh the consequences of that which you are about to do: to allow further ownership consolidation of the media.

I ask you to consider whether we wish to retain our democracy--a nation of individuals sharing a dream of a better tomorrow for all, or if we wish to give way to the insatiable hunger that propels the unchecked, capitalistic machine towards continuous growth and profitability that ultimately manifests itself a monopolistic form such as the Standard Oil Company. Although enabling increased media ownership would not necessarily imply a monopoly in the true sense of the word, the danger it poses to a free democracy is even more perilous because of the very nature of its business.

The media--especially broadcast media--is ultimately an instrument that shapes and forms the nature of our society. Call it marketing or propaganda; from discussion and debate over current national and global issues, to who we vote for, to what we consider as entertainment, to what we wear or buy for dinner--broadcasters hold more power over the decisions we make than any other single industry. As the populace of the world's most powerful country, this is a tremendous responsibility and to concentrate it in even fewer hands could mean the ultimate demise of our democracy in the interests of only a few.

A balance should be achievable to encourage enterprising and entrepreneurial spirit in media corporations as well as remaining responsible to the democracy that enables them to exist. It is troublesome however, that the current regulations are not being enforced if one looks at Viacom and News Corp. who have already exceeded with the 35% cap on national audience reach.

It is easy to see the influence lobbyists have and the adage: "one hand washes the other" doesn't seem to have lost its truth. It can also be seen from any number of communist or totalitarian countries or dictatorships (current or historic) that he who controls the media, rules relatively unopposed. Iraq, China, Cuba, the Soviet Union, and Nazi Germany stand as testaments to this observation. It is fair to question whether the current White House administration actually controls the media, but one need look no further than the consistent and "in-step" coverage given to the recent war in Iraq by all mainstream U.S. media to draw plausible inferences. It also seems no small wonder Fox News (the closest in-line with the White House and Pentagon) stands to benefit most from the White House's prodding for the FCC to stay on track with its proposed relaxing of media ownership regulations.

If one hand washes the other and if he who controls the media rules unopposed, then it would seem that to favor deregulation further enriching media owners, the current administration stands to gain further influence and control over the media through these favors, thus positioning itself to resemble more of a monarchy or dictatorship than a presidency chosen by its fellow Americans. If the power of the media can shape Americans' behavior, and with no campaign finance regulations in place to limit the amount of paid media coverage any one candidate may receive, it can be easily assessed that if the current administration has enough influence over these propaganda instruments, it could nearly assure who will win the next presidential election and who will succeed the current president after a second term.

The last King George to rule here was the King of England. Americans revolted against this system of rule to establish the Constitution of the United States of America and a democracy in which all could prosper and be free. Please do not jeopardize that which I, and those who have come before us, served and fought--with many giving their lives--to keep intact. This is what you risk to do by daring to entrust private media companies in a capitalistic system that, by nature, encourages perpetual-growth and the elimination of competition to gain market share, to place public interests and the principles of democracy above their own natural propensity to grow and to control more.

This issue deserves more public discussion and leaves too much at stake to be rushed through a decision by June 2.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns.

Respectfully,

Brian Patton

New York, NY

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CC: sf.nancy@mail.house.gov, Sheila Jackson Lee, Gerald Womack

From: Richard L Miller
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:41 PM
Subject: MONOPOLY

Richard L Miller wrote:

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- > Please stop these dangerous changes in Broadcast Ownership
- > Rules , They will take and tie up the air ways so only one point of view
- > will be heard .Please limit the amount of stations that one company can
- > own
- > Thank You
- > Richard L. Miller

From: PMcats@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:45 PM
Subject: Support Freedom

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PM
Miami, FL

From: Richard Clarke
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 9:53 PM
Subject: Please Vote NO

Please Vote NO on changing The Broadcast Ownership Rules

Thank you

--- Richard Clarke

--- azskip@earthlink.net

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From: Wes Engle "Hank"
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:02 PM
Subject: Meadia Bias

We need less bias in the media, not more! Please vote no to the upcoming Broadcast ownership rules changes!

Wesley A. Engle
NRA Patron Member

From: Old Jer
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:04 PM
Subject: FCC VOTE

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Please DO NOT vote to change the current Broadcast Ownership Rules. Such a change will give media conglomerates the power to curb our 1st amendment rights by allowing only their views to be aired to the public, and thereby enabling them to sway public opinion. They should not have such power.

Thank You.

Jerry Sisler

124 Wildwood Lane

Stevensville MT 59870

From: GFISHROD@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:13 PM
Subject: vote on June 2nd

Hello, I'm writing today to voice my opinion on the "Broadcast Ownership Rules". I'm asking if you will vote not to change the current rules on Broadcast Ownership on June 2, 2003. Thank you for your time.

Geraldo Rodriguez

From: hunterjr1@iwon.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmeb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:17 PM
Subject: vote no

Dear Sirs; Please vote no to the new broadcast ownership rules. Thank you for your time. Joe Rowan
hunterjr1@iwon.com

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From: LARRY HALL
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:30 PM
Subject: June 2nd Vote

Commissioner Copps,

Please do not allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation. It's already hard enough to decipher what's agenda driven, and what's not.

Thanks.

Larry Hall
336 Ramble Road
Lake in the Hills, IL 60102

From: Steve
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:34 PM
Subject: Freedom of Speech

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner

The Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner

I understand that on June 2nd, the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

I beg you to not let the freedom of speech become even more of a monopoly than it already is. A very small group individuals, with extremely similar beliefs and political agendas are controlling what America is allowed to hear.

People with opposing views cannot possibly compete with these multi-billion dollar organizations. For the sake of Freedom of Speech, these giants must be broken up with greater urgency than what Bell Telephone was split.

Please give the giants Less power, not More!

Steven Miller

1350 E. Northern Ave., #222

Phoenix, AZ 85020-4238

From: Gary M.Mills
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:41 PM
Subject: FCC

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From: Dr. James F. Gaines
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 10:57 PM
Subject: Keep the airwaves free

Dear Ma'am/Sir- Respectfully request that you DO NOT turn the airwaves over to the media conglomerates as planned. Please keep the airwaves open and free for ALL to use as a medium to allow all opinions to be disseminated. Thank you in advance for caring about all opinions.
Sincerely~~~James F. Gaines, DVM, MS, DACLAM

From: Carol Bledsoe
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 12:39 AM
Subject: keep up the good fight for the PUBLIC GOOD!

Dr. Copp:

Enjoyed your talk tonight at the Commonwealth
Club in SF. I totally support your efforts at the FCC
to protect the airwaves for the public.

Along with the threat to un-manipulated voting
processes, I believe the threat to the public's right
to know the two most critical issues facing our
country today. And God knows there are many pernicious
attacks on our democracy and the rights guaranteed
us in the US Constitution today.

Most sincerely,

Carol Bledsoe
32 Colorado Avenue
Berkeley CA 94707

From: Bret Kelly
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 1:04 AM
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This is inherently wrong by changing these rules you are fostering if not encouraging Monopoly power in the media industry
Please do not let this measure pass.